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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Plague-prevention work.

The following information is taken from bulletins received from the department of public health of New South Wales:

Month of March, 1910. Rodents destroyed, 5,500; examined, 1,571. No plague-infected rodents found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909. The last plague-infected rodent was found June 15, 1909.

CHINA.

AMOY—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Moorhead reports, March 23 and 30, and April 4:

Week ended March 19. Supplemental bill of health issued to steamship *Kaifong* for Manila, crew 56, cabin passengers 40, steerage passengers 16. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected. All passengers vaccinated. All on board inspected immediately prior to sailing. No cargo taken on at this port. Week ended March 26. Bills of health were issued to the steamships *Yingchow* and *Taisang* for Manila. Manifests viséed for 929 and 161 packages of freight. These vessels carried an aggregate of 117 in crews and 30 cabin passengers and 195 steerage passengers. Week ended April 2. Bills of health issued to the *Yingchow* and *Taisang* for Manila. All on board were vaccinated and the crews and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects disinfected. All on board the *Yingchow* and *Taisang* were examined immediately prior to sailing. These vessels carried an aggregate of 119 in crews and 55 cabin and 187 steerage passengers. The manifest of the *Taisang* was viséed for 1,662 packages of freight.

During the week ended March 19, 2 deaths from smallpox were reported in the international settlement of Kulangsu, and 2 during the week ended April 2. A European resident died of hemorrhagic smallpox during the week ended April 2, this being the third case of this nature to occur in foreigners during the past month. The other two fatal cases occurred on board two steamships making regular trips to Amoy. Both patients were sailors, neither of whom was in the habit of coming on shore at Amoy. One died at Swatow and 1 at Hongkong. No other cases have occurred on the vessels.

Only 4 cases of smallpox have occurred among foreigners during the past eight years and in every case there was no history of previous vaccination. Practically every foreign resident of Kulangsu has now been vaccinated.